

Taft is Big, But Not Enough for President

Proven By Himself

Abie Criticism By One of Boyd County's Most Prominent Citizens.

Have you not frequently paused to ask yourself the question why, notwithstanding higher prices and wages, in many instances, your net gain at the end of the year is not correspondingly greater? The solution is plain. By a systematic drainage in the way of taxes, rents, fuel, light, clothing, machinery—in fact, all things in the way of living and expenses, have also increased at a ratio proportionately greater than wages and prices of the laborer, farmer and stock raiser; and, too, his wages or sales is limited to but practically one source of revenue as a rule, while his expenses proceed from countless sources. And to buy back pork in the manufactured state at 20c, which sold at 7c, means ruin and so, also with other products, and especially so when a combined monopoly, in the form of trusts, also fixes the price at which is sold these articles in the first instance. They control the supply, output and transportation, as well, and largely by, the money with which all is exchanged and measured.

Thus the profits of every man's labor and products gravitate to the cesspool of the parasite and non-producer. If prices raise five per cent, cost of living, etc., also increase five per cent, or more. If you borrow \$100 at ten per cent, at the end of ten years the lender has your \$100 in the form of interest, with the principal of \$100 still against you, and you at his mercy, too, as to renewal; and, if he will not renew, and catches you on a tight market, he will absorb \$200 or more of your property. Thus they get your money, he prices and wages high or low. This is no natural result of just economies. No! It is the result of long and studied effort to systematically rob a nation, with the connivance and consent of leaders of the republican party. Thousands of "strings" have been pulled; countless influences brought to bear, and they have been successful, as results prove. How? Let the insurance scandals answer; an unscrupulous and shameless debauching of funds created to maintain the widows and orphans in the darksome ways of death. Let the public domain land steals answer; millions of acres of homeseekers' inheritance fallen a prey to the plundering few. Let the timber land robberies answer; devastated our streams, lakes, woods and mountains of a safeguard against floods, fuel famines and adverse weather conditions. Let the stone, coal, oil and precious metal holdups answer. Possessions of incalculable worth and necessity in various ways. And the railroad land grants of millions of acres, and the right-of-way grants—a veritable spider web over this land, and the spiders mad with the blood of victims. But why enumerate longer? All these tangible things worse than stolen, together with the franchise privileges frequently carried therewith—billions piled upon billions, while the people toiled, trusted and slept, and as a fitting climax, not satisfied, ruinous prices for transportation, coal, lumber, and all else piled on as the last straw of the burden cast upon the very people betrayed and robbed—all in all, one of the most stupendous and colossal crimes ever perpetrated and consummated against an honest, confiding and patriotic people. We, in our time, have not felt it more, because of the matchless breadth, richness and diversity of this country's natural riches, to which have been applied the honest and untiring effort of the millions of toilers, to develop these riches. Our recuperative powers are marvelous in the extreme, that we have accumulated what we have in spite of this debauchery. But it cannot last forever. Our situation is critical, after all this dreaming, depleting, exploiting, robbing and impoverishing of our basic source of wealth and the arms and hearts that must defend it in time of need. Continuing, there is but one result. Posterity is mortgaged to these shylocks, who may be depended upon to demand the pound of flesh, and the heritage handed down to them can but cause them to scorn the wisdom, damn the selfishness, and curse the craven cowardice of the former guardians of it. Sold for a mess of pottage. Mr. Taft says they are going to preserve the natural resources. Yes! Lock the door after the horse is stolen. Why not before? This has all been done under, by, or through them, they being in power, and not until Roosevelt could they be kicked,

cursed or pushed into ever admitting these robberies were occurring. And, mark this well! The very leaders who have assisted, winked at, or been too dumb and blind to see these outrages, are the very men who dominate the party today, and only with their assistance can Taft ever stop them, as full reparation can never be made. Will they assist him more than Roosevelt? No! They have desperately fought to get this strangle hold, which levies tribute upon practically every man, woman and child in this nation, outside their own detestable clan. They have committed perjury, falsified records, betrayed trusts, conspired, stolen, robbed, lied and even murdered, in the perfecting of their giant power which scorns all law, except as it caters to their own wishes and ends, and defies even the strong arm of national law in any attempt to curb its interference with, and monopolization of, all business generally, and has proven to be beyond the control of the government itself. It is a real and deadly menace, and how, with its complete domination of the republican party, Taft is going to successfully grapple with and subdue them, even granting his real desire to do so, cannot be explained along any known rule of logic. It is a false hope, because, at the precise moment this plundering power is either driven from or deserts the republican organization, just that moment will that organization begin to decay, and strong will be the stench thereof. Is it not too evident? Where a man's money and interests lie, there will you find him also. Have they not, and are they not now, supporting that organization, with exceptions only sufficient to prove the rule, and to assist in binding the people while they divide the spoils? Their millions are poured out and Taft is excepting its result. They are for him, and when did they ever mistake their man? And, says Taft, all others but me are "disturbers" and are "dangerous." More so than now? We shall touch upon this matter in our next article. The question now is, where are you? Do you think you and Taft can cut this disease out, root and branch, with organized and greedy wealth backed by a large majority of the republican leaders against you? Do you think this country will ever attain a permanent prosperity until all this is cut out? When shall it be? Now? Or will you bow and cringe, and obey their threats of panics, and cowardly defer the battle for your children to face, endure and suffer? As for me, I want to be in at the fight, a fight in the defense of every principle of justice, in defense of every just law, human and Divine; in defense of this nation's honor, happiness and life—if this be the only alternative vouchsafed me by a Goddess greed which has placed all these in jeopardy, and thus vouchsafed my children an equal opportunity for equal effort in the common battle of life. Where are you? You have an answer at the ballot box, the cheapest and best solution, if possible. AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

From the Center of Things

(Continued from page one.)

their only hope of early relief from the injustice of the injunction as applied in labor disputes. And the feeling that it is time for a change is not confined to trades unionists. It exists among business men, especially among the smaller dealers. I am sanguine that Bryan will be elected."

Oscar Straus, secretary of commerce and labor in President Roosevelt's cabinet, announces that he will take the stump for Taft because he knows Taft is friendly to laboring men. "And I am a friend of labor, too," says Secretary Straus. Let us see about his brand of "friendship for American labor." The facts may be found in the official records of the department of commerce and labor.

A year or so ago the union lithographers of the country asked for the eight hour day. This was denied by the employers, and the union lithographers went on a strike. The usual injunctions were issued, but the boys "struck." The employers, with their shops idle, went to Secretary Straus, and that official showed his friendship for American workingmen by abrogating the alien contract labor law insofar as it applied to lithograph-

Opera House, One Night, Saturday, Oct. 3rd

The Thrilling Four-Act Drama

"A Texas Ranger"

Presented by A Clever Company.



A play of intense heart interest depicting life on the Mexican Frontier

Music, Mirth and Song Laughable Comedy

Prices - - - - - Fifty Cents

ers, and admitted European lithographers under the plea that "there is a scarcity of skilled workmen in the lithographing trades in this country." And the European workmen came over under contract and took the places of American workmen who had asked for an eight hour day in their trade.

James W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, is the man who is trying to send Gompers, Michell and Duncan to jail for contempt of court. He is the most virulent opponent of trades unionism in America. At the annual meeting of Manufacturers last winter the association adopted this resolution: "Third, That we recommend as a basis of protective duties upon which the commission shall work the principle of international costs, to-wit: Protective duties should represent substantially a permanent differential between the cost of production in foreign countries and that in the United States, with an ample margin for safety."

The republican platform, adopted a few months later, says: "In all tariff legislation the true principle of protection is best maintained by the imposition of such duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to American industries."

WILL M. MAUPIN.

School Notes

By R. H. WATSON

Helen Sparks spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting Florence Pettijohn in Loupaine.

Ernest Porter brought down six ducks at one shot on Wednesday morning and since we sampled two of them we know they were of the best.

Valentine is represented by three good students in the state university this year, viz: Miss Laura Pettijohn and Oliver and Harrison Davenport.

A card from Leonard Walker of Lusk, Wyoming shows us that he has not forgotten old times in the Valentine School. It is always pleasant to be thus remembered by the boys.

We shall be forever thankful for the favor if some one will tell us how to convince a half dozen bright young men that the way of least resistance does not often lead to the goal sought for.

Miss Estelle Nicholson writes from Buchanan, Mich., that while she can not be in school this year to take the 12th grade work, she is still much interested in the success of the Valentine school!

A letter from Miss Laura Pettijohn states that she has been given full credit for the work done in Valentine and Fremont so that she will have light work to finish the state university course in two years.

Miss Marie Nelson of the class of '03 who is teaching in Merriman spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother and sister in Valentine. Marie was an excellent student in Valentine and has since spent two years in college so she is well fitted to do fine work in

Merriman this year.

Miss Dora Grewe was in Valentine last Saturday on her way to her school near Woodlake and made a short call at our home to talk over some special studying she is doing in addition to her teaching.

Charles Helzer ran down to Bellevue when in Omaha week before last and met the four graduates who are now attending Bellevue college. They were Fred and Hiram Jones, Margaret Quigley and Alberta O'Kane.

Miss Ina Spratt of the class '06 was in Valentine last Friday to attend the carnival. She is teaching in her home district this year and is planning to attend the state university next year or the year following.

Miss Carrie Stetter of the class of '06 made a brief call at the school building Tuesday to make some inquiries about an arithmetic for her brother George who is attending school at the Military Academy in Kearny.

Roswell Daley writes that since he was unable to secure a place to work for his board, he is now attending school in Vermillion, S. D. He says he is sorry that we could not arrange matters so he could come back to Valentine.

Lucy Cohota landed in her books Tuesday evening and stated that she had to work in the restaurant at home. It is sad when such a good student is compelled to drop her work and especially since she has arrived at the age when her studies mean so much to her.

Mrs. Lulu Pollard of the class of 1900 made a pleasant call at our home last Saturday and talked over old school days and school friends. No member of the alumni of the Valentine high school keeps in closer touch with old school friends than does Mrs. Pollard.

Mrs. Watson received an interesting letter from Miss Stell Spratt of Custer, S. D., a short time ago. Stella is teaching there this year and while she has pleasant work and is enjoying herself, she thinks none of the schools in that country are equal to the Nebraska schools.

The school work in Valentine was somewhat broken up last week on account of the carnival. Too many parents consider it the duty of the teacher to keep children in school. Now, if we have to go out and look after the delinquents it takes just that much of our time and energy which belongs to the children who attend school without being looked up.

H. W. Funk, principal of the Cody schools, visited over Saturday and Sunday of week before last in Valentine with Prin. John Mohlman of the Valentine high school. Messrs. Funk and Mohlman were classmates in Hastings college. Both of these young men come very highly recommended by their college professors and we believe they will both make good in their respective places.

Earl Pettyrew took supper with us last Friday and spent the evening talking over old school days and future prospects. Earl is planning to put into effect some of the knowledge that he got in the agricultural school at Lincoln in raising an orchard. If he succeeds as

well as he has in raising potatoes, in a few years we may see him driving into Valentine with wagon loads of rosy checked apples.

Misses Alfa Dunham and Ennis Boyer returned to their school work at Peru on Monday of last week and took with them Misses Bessie Gaskill, Maggie Stetter and Anna Hahn. Valentine will be well represented in Peru this year. Misses Dunham and Boyer will graduate at the close of this school year and receive three-year state certificates which will become life certificates after three years' successful teaching.

Britt Items.

Quincy Buck is driving the stage.

Carl McIlhonn stopped over night Saturday on his way to Cut Meat with freight.

Everyone around here tried to take in the carnival at Valentine. Some "couldn't" and some "wouldn't."

Although prairie chickens are scarce most of the farmers around here tried their luck Sunday. Some were successful and others were "out of practice."

D. A. Kellogg of Vienna, S. D., arrived in Valentine Sunday morning and moved out to his farm west of Britt. Mrs. Kellogg and family arrived Wednesday.

A. H. Brown was threshing last Saturday until Wm. Mumford got his hand and wrist crippled by getting it caught between the spoke of the fly wheel and an arm of the friction clutch on his engine in attempting to start it.

To BE WINKED AT.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that ro hunting, camping or trapping will be allowed on land belonging to the following named persons:

FADDIS & Co.
D. M. SEARS.
W. E. PACKENHAM.
ERNEST WILKINSON.

Big Land Auction in Canada

A quarter million acres Canadian farm lands for sale at public auction at Regina, Saskatchewan, Oct. 12th to 17th. Special homeseekers' excursion rates from all points via the Chicago & Northwestern Ry., Tuesday, Oct. 6th. For full information inquire of ticket agents The Northwestern Line. 381

Rosebud Lands Thrown Open.

A million acres of government land in Tripp County, S. D., will be opened to homesteaders October 5th to 17th. Dallas and Gregory, S. D., the only towns on the Chicago & North Western Ry. the only all-rail route to the reservation. Entry must be made at Dallas, Gregory, O'Neill or Valentine, Neb.

Ask ticket agents of The North Western Line for folders and maps with full information about how to secure quarter section of government lands.

Contest Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, September 8, 1908.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Henry Houts, contesting against homestead entry No. 1425-0483, made November 2, 1902, for Lots 3-4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 Sec. 13, Township 28, Range 28 by Annie Kemp, contestee in which it is alleged that said Annie Kemp has not established residence thereon, and she has failed to cure her laches to this date, and said alleged abandonment took place more than six months prior to the expiration of five years from the date of filing upon the same.
And said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed September 8, 1908 set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication on:
35 4 E
E. OLSON, Receiver.

Sawyer Bros.

Oasis, Nebr.
G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle. Horses on left shoulder. Some on left side. Horses same left thigh. Range on Snake river.

Nebraska Land and Feeding Co.
Bartlett Richards-Pres. Will G. Comstock, V. P.
Chas. C. Jamison Sec. & Treas.

Cattle branded on any part of animal, also the following brands:
Horses branded in same
Range between Gordon on Snake R. & M. V. R. R. & M. R. R. in Northwestern
BARTLETT RICHARDS.

Jos. Bristol
Valentine, Nebr.
Cattle branded on left side
Horses did cattle branded on left hip or side as shown in cut

R. M. Faddis & Co.
Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy.
Some branded on left thigh.

Horses branded on left shoulder or thigh.

Some branded on left shoulder or thigh.

P. H. Young.
Simeon, Nebr.
Cattle branded as cut on left side

Some on left side. V on left jaw of horses.
Range on Gordon Creek north of Simeon.

Albert Whipple & Sons

Rosebud, S. D.
Cattle branded on right side
OSO on right side
Some cattle also have a + on neck some with A on left shoulder and some branded with two bars across hind quarters. Some Texas cattle branded SO on left side and some on left side.
Horses branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle branded AW bar connected on both sides and 40 in of horses

N. S. Rowlev
Kennedy, Nebraska.

Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side and hip. Horses on left side. Some cattle branded on left side per (either side) on left side or hip. F on left jaw and left shoulder of horses. U on left hip of horses. N on left jaw of horses

C. P. Jordan.

Rosebud, SD
Horses and cattle same as cut; also (J B E J) on right hip.
Range on Oak and Butte creeks.
A liberal reward for information leading to detection of rustlers of stock bearing any of these brands.

KOHL & TERRILL

Brownlee, Neb.
Cattle branded as in cut on left side. Some branded K T Y on left hip. Range on North Loup river, two miles west of Brownlee

J. A. YARYAN

Pullman, Nebr
Cattle branded JY
Horses branded JY on right shoulder
Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.

Pat Peiper

Simeon, Nebr.

D. M. Sears.

Kennedy, Nebr.
Cattle branded as in cut; left side. Some on left hip.
Horses same on left shoulder.
Range—Square Lake.

Roan Brothers

Woodlake, Neb
Range on Long Lake and Crooked Lake.

JOHN KILLS PLENTY

St. Francis Mission, Rosebud, S. D.
Cattle branded as in cut; horses same on left thigh. Range between Spring Creek and Little White river.

Metzger Bros.,

Rolfe, Nebr
Cattle branded anywhere on left side.
Earmark, square crop right ear.
Horses have same brand on left thigh.

Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks.
A Reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.